

Raccolta #182—An Act of Adoration during April

O my Lord Jesus Christ, who for the love Thou bearest mankind, dost remain night and day in this Sacrament, all full of tenderness and love, expecting, inviting and receiving all those who come to visit Thee; I believe that Thou art present in the Sacrament of the altar; I adore Thee from the depths of my own nothingness and thank Thee for all the favors Thou hast bestowed upon me; and especially for having given me Thyself in this Sacrament, and Thy most holy Mother Mary as my advocate; and for having called me to visit Thee in this church. I pay my homage this day to Thy most loving Heart and this I intend to do for three intentions; first, in thanksgiving for this great gift; secondly, in reparation for all the insults Thou hast received from Thine enemies in this Sacrament; thirdly, by this visit I intend to adore Thee in all places upon the earth, where Thou art least adored and most neglected in Thy Sacrament.

My Jesus, I love Thee with my whole heart. I repent of having in the past so many times displeased Thine infinite goodness. I purpose with the help of Thy grace never more to offend Thee in the future; and at this moment, wretched as I am, I consecrate myself wholly to Thee. I give to Thee and utterly renounce my entire will, all my affections, all my desires, and all that I possess. From this day forth, do with me and with all that is mine whatever is pleasing in Thy sight. I ask and desire only Thy holy love, final perseverance and the perfect fulfillment of Thy will. I commend to Thee the souls in Purgatory, especially those who were most devoted to this Blessed Sacrament and to Blessed Mary; I commend to Thee in like manner all poor sinners. Finally, my dear Saviour, I unite all my affections with those of Thy most loving Heart, and thus united I offer them to Thine Eternal Father, and I pray Him in Thy name graciously to accept and answer them for love of Thee.

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The faithful who devoutly recite this prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, are granted: An indulgence of 5 years. A Plenary Indulgence once a month if its daily recitation is persevered in for the entire month and, in addition, make their confession, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff (Pius IX, Rescript in his own hand, Sept. 7, 1854; S. P. Ap., Feb. 25, 1933).